



Sunday September 7, 2025  
Kick off Sunday

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Aria from "Israel in Egypt"  
Revelations: "Pastorale"  
Jennifer Baham

by G. F. Handel  
by Daniel Pinkham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gina Bommarito

Leader: Welcome this day to the house of God.

**People: We are greeted in peace and in love.**

Leader: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

**People: We worship in hope and with grace.**

Leader: Welcome this day to our community of faith,

**People: Where we are related as siblings in Christ**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God today!

HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Erica Rader

**Great God of mercy and love, we pray to you today. You created us in your image and you called us very good and yet we confess that we have often gone the wrong direction. In our thoughts, words, attitudes and actions, we have sinned and fallen away from you. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, even though that is what we want to do. Forgive us, Lord and set us free! By your mercy, help us to leave the past behind, to accept your grace and to live as new people today. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"

Worship Band

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Erica Rader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Erin Heath

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 16:16-20

Gina Bommarito

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

"We Will Worship the Lord"

by Joseph M. Martin

DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-3

SERMON "Lessons from the Life of Moses: Paying Attention"  
Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Rev. Dr. David Watermulder  
Rev. Erica Rader

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

"The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise."**

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN #442 "Just as I am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH  
"Lord, I Need You" Worship Band

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

POSTLUDE Revelations: "Toccata" by Daniel Pinkham

**Kickoff Sunday** Join us after church today as we launch into a new season of church life with a catered lunch, fun games for all ages, and a visit from the Mister Softee ice cream truck!

**Keep in Your Prayers:** Diane Hanne, recovering from knee surgery. Jet Graham, recovering from a successful surgery. Steve Coates, recovering from a procedure. Jo Ann Van Ballegooijen. Pat Jones. Sharon Bartels' mother. Annette Behrensmeyer's mother, recovering from a stroke. Jeanne McCann's son John with surgery. Mikal Cox (Jack Longley's nephew) struggling with advanced cancer. The family of Lousie Sherman. Ellen Graff, recovering from a minor stroke. Eleanor Gallmeister. Julie Clausen on the passing of her cousin Tyler. Emily Barrett. Julie Sebaziga's nephew. Patricia Caputo (Jean Ritchie's daughter). Kristy Cole. Tony Bayne. Judy Momrow.

**Parent's Night Out** - Saturday, Sept. 13th from 4-7pm

Enjoy a night out while Erin and her team take care of your kids! We will provide snacks, pizza, and fun. Please RSVP by Sept 10th. There is no charge, but if you would like to donate to our high school/college volunteers please feel free to do so.

**Love & Logic® Class - Sunday**, Sept. 28th after worship

Children have a strong built-in need for a healthy sense of control, and it is a parent's job to set loving limits and to give the child room to operate within those limits based on their personality, abilities, and style. In this workshop, Responsibility Through Choices and Problem Solving, we will learn great tools that allow us to gradually pass the control from us to our children as they learn to solve problems, make affordable mistakes, take ownership for their actions, stand up to peer pressure and make healthy choices for their future.

Please join us in the Social Hall after church for lunch and conversation led by PCLG member, Valerie Plummer, Individual and Family Life Coach and Parent Education Consultant.

\*Childcare available in the Preschool wing

**Deacon Update:** With the addition of our new Deacons, we are updating our Flocks (the groups of members that Deacons care for). You may receive a call or note from your Deacon, please welcome them into this role as they introduce themselves to you!

**Come Sing With Us** The choir has returned to worship, and we would love to invite you to *Come Sing With Us*. If you've ever thought about singing with the choir, now is the perfect time to join us in musical fellowship. There's no audition and rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:00pm, beginning on September 4th. Making music is the perfect opportunity to joyfully refresh your creative spirit. It's also a lot of fun. For information contact Michael Taylor at [michael.taylor@pclg.org](mailto:michael.taylor@pclg.org).

**Dig Deep Bible Study** Led by Veronica Nourse, this group will explore the book of Hebrews and learn how we can be encouraged to stay faithful to Jesus. The book of Hebrews teaches that Jesus is the culmination of all the previous ways that God had revealed himself to Israel (and the world). Join us in the Fireside Room on Wednesday nights at 6pm, beginning September 24th for this in-depth Bible study. Light supper will be served! Email [veronica.nourse@pclg.org](mailto:veronica.nourse@pclg.org) for more info.

**New Members and Inquirers Class** Saturday September 27, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room - Childcare available with pre-registration. You can sign at [pclg.org](http://pclg.org).

**Las Cascabeles**, our PCLG bell choir has had a summer hiatus. We invite you to join us as we begin in September. If you can read music and count, the rest is easy!! We saw generations of future bell ringers on a recent Sunday morning. Thanks Erin! We practice on Tuesday from 6-7:30pm. Contact our director Ruthanne [ruthanne.adamsmartinez@gmail.com](mailto:ruthanne.adamsmartinez@gmail.com).

**Stephen Ministry** In a recent sermon, Pastor Dave mentioned how many folks are just striving to be normal. We have Stephen Ministers available to meet with you each week and listen to whatever is stealing your peace. PCLG has a confidential Stephen Ministry phone line where you can contact us 408-240-0857 [stephen.ministry@pclg.org](mailto:stephen.ministry@pclg.org)

**Grove Groups** will be starting back up this fall. Grove Groups are small groups that gather for a Bible study and fellowship. If you have an interest in being in a Grove Group please email Lauren Froman at [lomfroman@yahoo.com](mailto:lomfroman@yahoo.com) by September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Giving Online** Please visit [www.pclg.org/online-giving](http://www.pclg.org/online-giving), or use this QR code, to access our online giving tools. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.

**PCLG 2025 Women's Retreat: Sign-Ups Start Today!**

In-person and online registration for this year's Women's Retreat opens today. The retreat is scheduled for the **weekend of Nov. 7-9, with a Saturday-only option**. We'll gather once again at the St. Francis Retreat Center, a beautiful site near San Juan Bautista about 50 miles south of Los Gatos. To sign up or get more information, stop at our registration table at the Kick-Off Sunday Celebration after the worship service.



Thanks to the generosity of PCLG'ers, we've been able to extend retreat scholarships to many women over the years, and for this we are very grateful. If you'd like to contribute to our scholarship fund, please contact Pastor Erica Rader ([erica.rader@pclg.org](mailto:erica.rader@pclg.org), 408-356-6156) or retreat coordinator Beth Barry ([bethbarry1@comcast.net](mailto:bethbarry1@comcast.net), 408-402-2125).

**Confirmation Class** Designed for 9th and 10th graders or above, explore a deeper understanding of Christian faith with friends and mentors this school year with our High School confirmation class. Confirmation is a process and a journey of becoming an adult member of the church, "confirming" the faith that you were baptized into as a child or choosing baptism for yourself this year. Plus, there's usually bagels! We meet once a month following worship for about 90 minutes each class, discuss theology and practice, and almost always leave with as many questions as answers. But that's what a growing faith does!

Our class calendar tentatively includes these dates:

2025: 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/7, 12/14

2026: 1/11, 2/1, 3/1, 3/22, 4/19, 5/3

Confirmation Sunday is May 31, 2026

Contact Steve Fainer to sign up and for more information.

**Who's Your Neighbor? Mental Health and the Church** – Sunday, October 12 after worship in the Fireside Room. Come to this class taught by the Rev. Sharon LeClaire, as we seek to better understand mental illness, learn and grow in our faith journeys, and discover how as a congregation we can be welcoming to those with mental illness. We will discuss men and women in the Bible who suffered from mental illnesses and how God ministered to them. We will discuss spiritual practices and how they can help us cope with mental illness in ourselves and as caregivers. A light lunch will be provided.

**The mission committee** would like to invite you to volunteer from 9:00 to noon on Friday morning September 12th at Bridge Communities to help distribute food to our neighbors in need. Contact [peggy.heath@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.heath@gmail.com) if interested

**Worship Band** The Worship Band is recruiting guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and singers to lead the more "blended" songs in our worship! If you or someone you know has a talent to share, come and talk to me on a Sunday morning or email me. Rita Hoegel [rita.hoegel@pclg.org](mailto:rita.hoegel@pclg.org)

**Organ Recital** Come and hear Margaret Kvamme play our PCLG pipe organ at 12pm on Sunday, September 14. Margaret will be presenting a 45-minute recital of colorful music from Mexico, the United States and Canada. This will be a preview of a program she will play at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago two Fridays later (that performance will be live-streamed/available later at <https://www.fourthchurch.org/concerts/>). At the PCLG September 14 preview, we'll be accepting donations to our Möller/Schoenstein pipe organ maintenance fund, but please invite anyone to join us free of charge. Light snacks will be available in the narthex at 11:45 for those who have the munchies between the worship service and the performance.

**Children's Ministry** (Infant -5th grade) Welcome Families! On Sundays our Nursery is available for children and infants at the beginning of worship. Preschool-1st grade will meet in our Preschool Ministry Wing and 2nd-5th grade will meet in our Children's Ministry Wing. Visiting families should walk their child back to Sunday School after the children's message so that teachers can meet the parents and know who they are dismissing the child to at pickup. Please reach out with any questions to Erin Heath, the Director of Children's Ministry, at [erin.heath@pclg.org](mailto:erin.heath@pclg.org).

### **Youth Update**

Happy Kick-off Sunday! Today we've got all the activities! During worship, Middle School students are invited to the Youth Center for Sunday School following the Children's time. From 5 to 6:15 p.m. this evening, we have SNiFF youth group for Middle School students. From 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. there's High School Youth Group. Everything happens in and around the Youth Center and these are our regular weekly programs. If you'd like to know more or keep up to date, please contact Steve Fainer at [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com).

**Tables of 8** Our next session of Tables of 8 will be from 10/1/2025 through 3/31/2026. We will be having sign-ups during the months of September. This is a great way to meet new people or get reacquainted with others in the church. The program is open to all adults over 18. People are grouped into "tables" of 8 to 10 people and pledge to have 4 meals together over six months. The meals can be in homes or restaurants or even picnics in a park or the Redwood Grove. To sign up, look for the table during the coffee hour after church or contact Mary Jane Humphrey ([maryjhumphrey@comcast.net](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net)).

**Global fellowship** September 21st, Sunday 11:20am-11:50am Global Fellowship: Meet-and-Greet in the conference room. You're Invited! Join us for this casual gathering to connect, introduce yourselves, and build a community with fellows from around the world. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? [pclg.taelor@gmail.com](mailto:pclg.taelor@gmail.com)

**Dates To Remember**

September 17	Terraces Luncheon, 11:30am-1pm
September 20	Louise Sherman Memorial Garden Service- 3pm, Terraces Reception 3:30pm
September 21	Confirmation Class
September 27	New Members Class
October 12	Who's Your Neighbor? Mental Health and the Church Class
November 7-9	Women's Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista

**Recurring Group Meetings**

**Pastor's Bible Study** – Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room.

**WOW** – (*Women's Weekly Bible study*) Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside room.  
contact: JHLasher01@gmail.com.

**PW Morning Circle** – (*Women's Monthly Bible study*) Third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to noon at the Terraces in the Sunroom, located on the 2nd floor in the Assistant Living area. PW will have its first fall meeting on Thursday, September 25.

**MINOW Bible** Wednesdays at 6:30 am in the Fireside Room – contact: [minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org) . We just started the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians, so now is a good time to join. Please reach out to [minow@pclg.org](mailto:minow@pclg.org) to be added to the weekly email invite.

**Bookends** – (Monthly Book Club) – Next meeting: August 24 at 2:00 pm in the Fireside room (or join on zoom). The book is "The Women" by Kristen Hannah.

**Sign Language Group** We are learning sign language through worship songs, and we meet on the **2nd** and **4th Sunday** after the worship service in Room 9 in the Children's Wing. Questions? Contact Youngla Kwon at [youngla0707@gmail.com](mailto:youngla0707@gmail.com). We are starting a new season on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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